

## **Baker's Keyboard and Lounge**

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Baker's Keyboard Lounge, 2002



### **Historic Overview:**

Baker's Keyboard Lounge has the significance as Detroit's oldest jazz club in continuous operation. It was founded in May 1933 by Chris Baker. Some of the musician who have played the club include: Ella Fitzgerald, Miles Davis, Oscar Peterson, George Shearing, Sarah Vaughn, Joe Williams, Maynard Ferguson, Cab Calloway, Wood Herman, Modern Jazz Quartet and Nat "King" Cole.

The building is a one-story flat roofed yellow brick building with enameled maroon colored panels attached to a one-story rear ell. The lounge features a semi-circular Art Deco piano bar motif. Artist Harry Julian Carew did Art Deco paintings of European cities on the walls.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Information obtained from Michigan Historic Sites Online.